

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, March 20, 2006 at 4:30pm in the Board of Works Room at City Hall.

Present at said meeting were Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Leon Trachtman, Nancy Offutt, Garnet Peck and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Brian Tunis, Lee Booth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the Department. Absent were Council members Ann Hunt, Gil Satterly, & Gerry Keen.

Paula convened the Board at 4:33 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the February 27, meeting. Leon motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Distributed copies of Master Projects Plan prepared by the Mayor and the Department Heads.

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

- We have installed new playground equipment for ages 2-12 at Tapawingo Park. Wampler Works of Rensselaire installed the equipment, which took three days to complete.
- Installation of the playground equipment at Lommel Park began today. We are installing two pods, one for ages 2-5, the other for ages 5-12. Installation should complete in approximately one week and one-half, weather permitting.
- Representative for the City at the Chamber Expo, held at University Inn.
- The Men's Softball League meeting is tonight, and the Coed Softball League meeting is Wednesday night. Both meetings will discuss rule changes.
- Working on creating new playground inspection forms.
- We are entering into agreement with the Pony League for use of the Arni Cohen South field. The Pony League will begin March 30 and end July 3. Permission is for use of the South field only.
- We are also entering into agreement with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette for use of the Blessed Sacrament Church field for our Coed Softball League. The Church agreement is for spring, ending by the last of August. In return for use of the church property, we will be in charge of mowing the area.

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Noted inspections are available.
- Summer equipment is being prepared for use.
- An attempt to repair the leak at the pool is underway.
- Staff has been working on demolition of Lommel Park, Tapawingo Park, and University Farm Park playgrounds to prepare for installation of new equipment.
- Finished sign rehabilitation and installed new Celery Bog sign along Lindberg Rd.

**Recreation** – Chris reported on the following:

- Riverside Skating Center closed for the season on March 7. The sunny weather and longer days made for keeping the ice difficult. The Center has been cleaned. The staff has checked the skates and several pairs are showing signs of wear after four seasons of skating.

- I have been working with the West Lafayette School Corporation's Wellness Committee on preparing a Wellness Policy as required by Congress. The topics addressed are physical education and activity, healthy eating, tobacco prevention, safety and asthma. The Committee is under the direction of Carol Deno, WLHS nurse, and Dr. Chester Ho.
- We are busy preparing for summer. Brochures will be mailed mid-April.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- There have been 1,462 registrations as of Friday compared to 1,731 registrations last year at this time, which is a 15% decrease.
- WALLA began their classes today. A variety of classes is available, and the seniors appear happy.
- Many attended Bette Goodrich's art show reception March 2.

**Beautification & Stewardship** – Brian reported on the following:

- We have received the Hockerman memorial.
- Volunteer Work Days are scheduled.
  - 1) 04/01/06 – Saturday, 10:30a-12:30p, Boilermaker Volunteer Network, and Wabash Heritage Trail clean-up.
  - 2) 04/15/06 – Saturday, 1:00p-3:00p, Purdue Fraternity and Michaud-Sinninger Woods clean-up.
  - 3) 04/23/06 – Sunday, 1:00p-3:00p, Great Annual Garlic Mustard Pull (Earth Day event) co-sponsored with INPAWS @ Michaud-Sinninger Woods.
  - 4) Arbor Day event - TBA.
  - 5) 05/20/06, Saturday, 9:00a-Noon, De-Trash the Wabash
- Adopt-A-Spot Program Interest – We have two new inquiries along Nighthawk Dr., one spot currently available on campus.
- Emerald Ash Borer has been found in central Indiana. Urban areas will be the focus.

**Old Business**

**Softball Use Agreements**

**Pony League**

Pennie presented information pertaining to entering into agreement with the West Lafayette Pony League for use of the Arni Cohen South field only from March 30-July 3. The agreement allows use of the field Monday-Friday, after 8:00pm.

**Blessed Sacrament**

Pennie presented information pertaining to entering into agreement with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette for use of the Blessed Sacrament field for our Coed softball league. The agreement is for use beginning in spring and ending the last of August. In return for use of the church property, we will do the mowing of the area.

**New Business**

**Art on the Wabash**

Mayor Mills presented a request for support of a local, juried art fair (artist show) to take place on the riverfront during a fall, football weekend, Sunday, September 24. The Mayor has agreed to use her budget to take care of publicity costs for this year's event, not wanting to burden the Park Board's budget with the expenses. The show would include all fourteen counties involved with the Tippecanoe Arts Federation. Leon

motioned to approve usage of Tapawingo Park in support of the Art on the Wabash art show as presented. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **West Lafayette School Board**

Nancy reported the two Principal Search Committees, one for Happy Hollow School principal, the other for the West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School principal, have sent their list of candidates to the Board. The Board will be reviewing the final candidates for those two positions this week and next week. At the last meeting, the Board approved some curriculum changes that will take their AP (Advanced Placement) offerings up to twenty-one by the fall of 2009 and will move the Foreign Languages to the eighth grade starting in the fall of 2007. Nancy extended a thank you to anyone attending the meeting that has contributed to the West Lafayette School Education Foundation.

### **Wabash River**

Mike reported the next meeting is Friday, March 24. Paula reported the next Wabash River Parkway Commission meeting Thursday, April 13, at Morton Community Center, 4:00pm. Joe noted we received quotes for the Tapawingo Park Plaza project. The lowest acceptable quote came from J.R. Kelly for \$224,690. We will be asking the Redevelopment Commission at their noon meeting, Monday, March 27, to approve the appropriation from the Levee Village TIF Fund and a contract with J.R. Kelly. If everything goes as planned, and weather permitting, work may begin as early as April 3. There is a contract stipulation to complete by the end of July.

### **Other**

John Sorensen noted we would possibly be revisiting the pool lease in the near future.

### **Purchase Orders**

Joe presented a purchase order for approval for the installation of the fountain at Tapawingo Park:

P.O. 7905	Cyr Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	Fund: 25-999	\$20,113.00
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Mike motioned to approve the purchase order as presented. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Pay Claims**

Leon motioned for claims to be paid. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary